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COLD WAR VICTIMS LEGISLATION

MR. KEATING. Mr. President, as the legislative machine gets rolling in the fashion to which we sometimes become accustomed, and since this may be my only opportunity to do so, I should like to take a few minutes on a very vital subject.

Now Americans are aware of the number of incidents in which American servicemen have been lost as a result of cold war incidents. The Francis Powers case is a worldwide cause celebre, but there have been a number of other encounters with the Soviet bloc which have attracted no attention at all.

Recently I was furnished a list of 15 known cases in which U.S. planes have been shot down by Soviet bloc forces during the cold war. A total of 81 Air Force crewmen are dead or missing as a result of these incidents.

Instead of reading the list at this time, and taking the time of the Senate under the present circumstances, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Record at this point the list that I have referred to.